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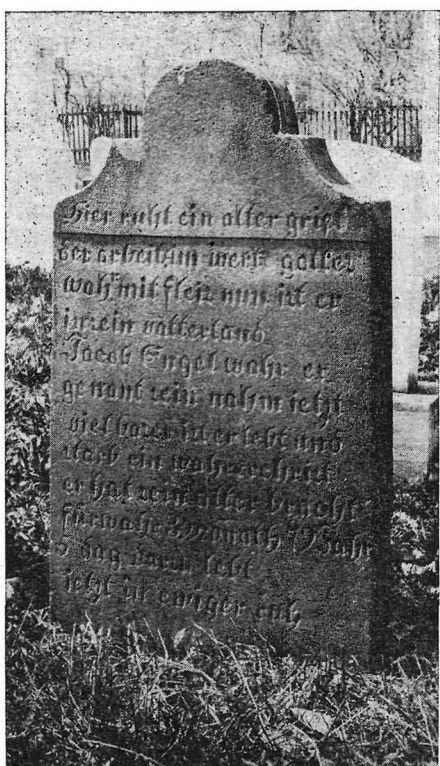
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A picture of the stone marking the resting place of the late Jacob Engle (1753-1832), first Bishop of the Church.

Translated, the stone reads as follows, "Here rests an aged pilgrim, who labored in the work of God, truly with diligence. Now he is in his Fatherland; Jacob Engle was his name. His name is now much better. He lived and died a true Christian. He brought his age in which he lived truly to three months, seventy-nine years and five days. Now he is in eternal rest."

## Faith of our Fathers

Frederick William Faber

*Faith of our Fathers, living still,  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O, How our hearts beat high with joy  
When e'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our Fathers, God's great power  
Shall win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God,  
Mankind shall then indeed be free:  
Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free,  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
Though they, like them, should die for thee:  
Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our Fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee too, as love knows how,  
By kindly words and virtuous life:  
Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.*

# The Christ Built Church

Bishop J. T. Ginder

*A preview of the General Conference sermon preached at the opening of General Conference, Friday morning, June 11, convened at Memorial Holiness Camp Grounds, West Milton, Ohio.*

Brother Moderator and members of Conference,

It is with quite a degree of reluctance, because of personal inadequacy, that we venture to bring a message to this Conference body. First, because the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ church is of greater importance to me, and I hope to all of our people, than any assembly we know, and second, because the time which is taken out for the Conference sermon calls for that which should be most uplifting, vitalizing, inspiring and challenging. I ask you to pray.

Our text is five words from Matt. 16:18, where Jesus said, "I will build My church." Each of these words is freighted with significance:

(1) "I"—I, Jesus Christ, the first and last; He who was dead, but behold He lives forevermore. Rev. 1:17, 18. He who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords; whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Rev. 19:16.

(2) "Will"—A positive statement. We understand by this that nothing can keep Him (Our Christ) from building His church; Yea, nothing, even if all the gates of hell open against Him; Matt. 16:18. The devil has no weapon with which he can keep Christ from building His church; Isa. 54:17. Individuals, communities, church societies, even kingdoms may fall, and they are falling, but in the face of all this, Christ is building His church and is going to build it to a finish.

(3) "Build"—Yes, He will use this 78th General Conference in helping to build His church. Of course, He only uses His kind of material, so if individuals or things even in this Conference would happen not to be His kind, He just wouldn't use such in building His church. This holds good in all church activities and programs.

Building is interesting—it is generally done with a lot of anticipation. Someone has estimated Brethren in Christ church property at the sizable figure of \$2,538,270.00.

In building, we need to think of four things; namely, a plan, a place, provision, perseverance.



This picture taken within the General Conference tabernacle shows the Conference platform with Bishop J. T. Ginder at the speaker's stand and Eld. H. G. Brubaker at the secretary's desk.

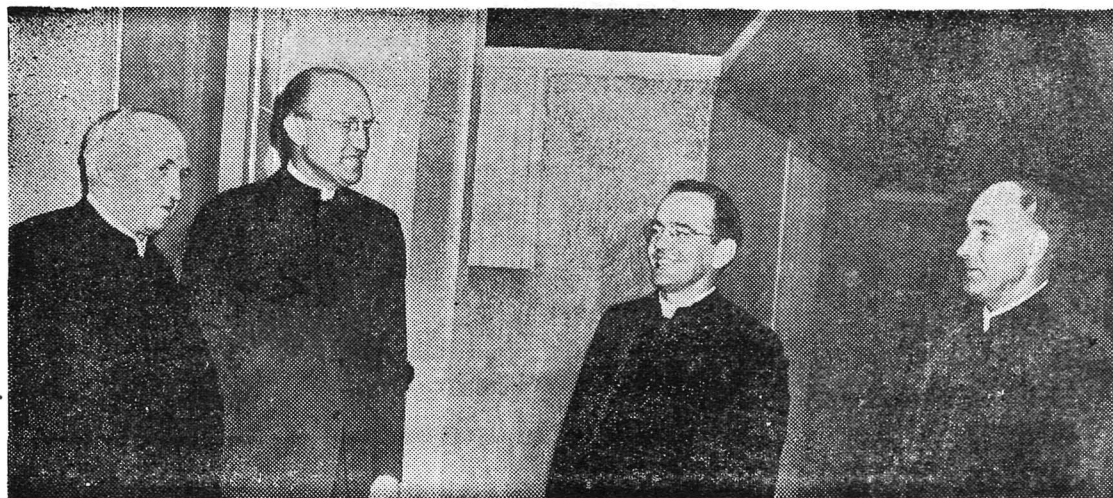
(a) The plan or blue print. Eph. 2:19-22 "... and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." The picture and blue-print of this building are found in the book of Ephesians.

(b) The Place—Where Christ builds His church is on the Rock, Jesus Christ. Matt. 16:18 and Eph. 2:20. So if the winds blow and the floods come, Christ and His church will never fall. Matt. 7:26, 27.

(c) Provision—Christ as a Wise Builder or Who is Wisdom, uses only the best material such as the "called," "saved" or "born again," or "born of God." John 1:13. Those who will be cleansed and made Holy. I Thess. 5:23. I mean, those who live the doctrine of the Brethren in Christ church, at least as it is outlined in her Constitution and By-Laws. Thank God for a vision of Christ's church exceedingly larger than the constituency of this Conference. I hope other evangelical church members feel about their church as I do about mine. If you don't, you ought to; or if you are well-saved, we invite you to come with us and get blessed regardless of where you worship. If you live the gospel, the *Jesus-way*, you are Brethren in Christ anyhow. I would not say that other churches are wrong and I wish I could say that all members of the Brethren in Christ church are right, but I will say that I know that the Brethren in Christ doctrine is right.

Christ cannot use church fighters in His building. By this I mean those who would fight the doctrine of the church and who would cause others to offend and do wrong, such as causing others to drift into cold dead formality or into pride, worldliness and national militarism. Jesus said it would be better for such to have a millstone hanged about their neck and they be drowned in the depth of the sea.

God bless the general and the local administration of our church. Blessed is everyone who surrenders to  
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Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr., center, General Conference moderator, being welcomed by E. J. Swalm, chairman, General Executive Board, H. G. Brubaker, and Harvey W. Hoke, treasurer, the Executive Board.



# Editorial

## On Conference Grounds

Beautiful towering trees and spacious accommodations greet one's eyes as you drive into Memorial Holiness Camp Grounds. The Central Conference District is using the grounds to entertain General Conference this year.

As one comes to the administration building, you are met with a cherry greeting and handed a copy of the lay-out of the camp and a card with the words "Welcome to the Seventy-Eighth General Conference of the Brethren in Christ—we are 'at your service' while you are here."

The grounds are laid out in Courts A, B and C.

"A" includes the tabernacle, nine cottages, two newly built dormitories and a well-planned and nicely arranged rest room building. At the distant north point is the large evangelistic tent.

"B" includes ten cottages and the administration building. On the south portion is the spacious kitchen and dining room. The dining room is equipped with individual seating that makes the tables very accessible. Careful planning in the lay-out of the kitchen speeds up service from begin-

ning to end. To the north end are numbers of smaller tents to be used for children's services, prayer meetings, board sessions, etc. A large and well equipped lunch room is included in this court.

"C" includes seven cottages and many small tents for lodging. This area is also served by a commodious rest room.

The ground are adequately covered with a public address system. During the sessions of General Conference portable microphones will serve to make each speaker on the floor of General Conference easily heard.

Nearby the tabernacle is a fine and commendable display of Christian Light Press books, mottoes, Bibles, novelties, etc., for those who are interested. Several other booths are set up for the display of plain clothes, college materials and things of particular interest in Sunday School work.

The evidence is unmistakable—our host has spared no money, time and effort in making us comfortable and seeing that all the facilities possible are at our disposal. "Given to hospitality" is a significant quotation to describe our host.—J. N. H.

## Persistency

Our Lord chose examples all around Him from which He taught outstanding lessons and made marvelous deductions. With my limited ability I would do likewise.

In a recent conversation a person was heard to say, "My but you are persistent." In my mind the thing which I was trying to put across needed persistency. Of one thing I am certain and that is that the enemy of our souls is persistent in getting us to do things contrary to Bible teachings; trying to make us believe that this doctrine and that command is not necessary. He keeps after the young and the old making it essential that we keep up an ever watchful attitude lest we fall by the way and bring shame upon the cause which we appreciate and desire to advance.

The writer to the Hebrews declared that we should hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Some of the old hymns of the Church shows the necessity of holding on and watching that we fail not. Closely associated with persistency is steadfastness. Well has one hymn writer said:

"My soul, be on thy guard;  
Ten thousand foes arise;  
And hosts of sin are pressing hard  
To draw thee from the skies.

O, watch, and fight, and pray;  
The battle ne'er give o'er;

Renew it boldly every day.  
And help divine implore.

Ne'er think the victory won,  
Nor lay thine armor down;  
The work of faith will not be done  
Till thou obtain the crown."

The type of persistency which is needed is the type that will enable one and all to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Like a certain writer has said: "Our labour must be invincible. The two words 'steadfast' and 'unmovable' express this. So many are the impulses within, so many are the forces without opposing the work, that nothing but an invincible determination can carry us through. We must have a purpose strong enough to bend and subordinate everything to itself."

"Be not weary in well doing" are the words of the apostle Paul. Christian workers today need some of that spirit which caused the indomitable Scotchman, Dr. Duff, when asked by a ship captain as to whether or not he thought he could make any impression upon the Chinese mind, reply: "No Sir, I can't but God can." That determination which made William Carey, often called "The father of Modern Missions" declare: "After all, are you going to do nothing" and then give himself to labour for God in India. The vision and possibilities which caused the prophet

## "Doubt"

\* It is to be questioned if any one thing has been more efficient in the hands of Satan against the work of God than the sin of doubt. Satan used it at the fall of man when he suggested that God's spoken work would not be carried out.

Doubt caused Israel to wander instead of possess, to have their bones bleach in the wilderness instead of bask in the sunlight of Mt. Hebron. Doubt fed Israel with manna and quails and caused them to long for garlic and onions when the prepared diet of old corn and honey was going to waste in the promised land.

Before Jesus ventured to give the great Commission he was very careful to take sufficient time to remove all doubt from the minds of the disciples. Before they could forcibly present the gospel they had to implicitly believe that He was risen from the dead. They had to be genuinely convinced that He was the Messiah and had fulfilled the prophecies surrounding the coming, work and death of the One who was promised in the chronicles of Holy Writ.

Jesus went back to the upper room eight days later for the express purpose of clearing the doubts from the mind of Thomas. There are no substitutes in the mind for sincerity and wholehearted believing. Powerlessness is the fruit of insincerity and doubt in both Christian living and Christian service.

### Doubt

does not make obedient followers  
never makes loyal disciples  
does not foster evangelism  
does not build Churches  
does not send forth missionaries  
does not produce flaming evangelists.

### Faith

goes into action at the call of the commander  
produces a strong, virile, dynamic evangelism  
is the architect and builder of churches  
sanctifies men and sends them forth flaming evangelists.

When a preacher is in doubt his people will be in the fog. So long as places of training for the Christian ministry turn out men who do not know what they believe, just so long will people wander in the wilderness and many more bones will be asked to bleach by the wayside.

—J. N. H.

Isaiah to say, when he knew Judah and Israel were in a state of apostasy, "Here am I; Lord, send me." Which made the apostle say "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself" when he knew persecution, trials, and perhaps death were awaiting him if he went to Jerusalem.—J. A. C.



# Taking Responsibility Well

Jesse F. Lady

IN HIS "Reminiscences of Daniel Webster," Peter Harvey relates this incident. Webster, then Secretary of State in President Filmore's cabinet, was dining one night with twenty other gentlemen at the Astor House in New York. He seemed unusually quiet and reticent, and remained aloof from the flow of conversation, as if sunk in deep reverie. In order to draw him out one of the men at the table asked him this question, rather unusual at a dinner table: "Mr. Webster, will you tell me what is the most important thought that ever entered your mind?" Webster passed his hand over his broad forehead, and said, lifting up his head, and speaking so all that were present could hear, "The most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God." For twenty minutes he discoursed on this theme, and then rising from the table he went to his room.

"Taking responsibility well" is the theme with which we want to engage our thoughts for a short time.

There are several verses of Scripture which will serve as a basis for our remarks. In Acts 5:42 we find these words, "Not for a single day did they cease to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus the Christ in the temple and at home." (Moffat.) Here we have an example of the early church taking their responsibility seriously. Did you notice those words in that verse? "Not for a single day did they cease to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus the Christ in the temple and at home." We learn from this verse that responsibility begins in the home and continues in the church. The second thing we ought to learn from this Scripture is that the first and foremost task of the home and the church is the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ—the only Saviour and the only hope of the world.

Now let us look at another verse which has a direct bearing on this thought of personal responsibility. "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then each one of us shall give account of Himself to God." Rom. 14:10-12.

Could we but hold that thought in our mind as we pass down the crowded streets of the city and meet men, women and children of all conditions and all circumstances of life, and realize that together with them, each one of us must one day appear before the judgment seat of Christ. "For it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment."

Now God has a right to bring us to judgment and ask us to give an account of ourselves. God has endowed us with a rational soul, so that we are responsible human beings. We are not like animals. We cannot live our lives in utter disregard of what is right or wrong. There is the voice of God within us that thunders down from the heights of Mt. Sinai and which says, "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not." This is not addressed merely to mankind in general but to each one of us in particular. It says, "Thou."

This is the thing we are trying to emphasize, that to each one of us it matters not how old or how young we are, as individuals we have certain duties and responsibilities to God and to our fellow-men.

Let us turn to this responsibility of "teaching" in regards to religion. In a sense we are all teachers. We teach by the lives we live, as well as by the words we say. It has been well said, "religion is more caught than taught."

Think of the responsibility of teaching in relation to the position we hold. What am I? Father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant, citizen, employer, employee, teacher, student—what

## My Bequest

Merrill C. Tenney

*To you, O son of mine, I cannot give  
A vast estate of wide and fertile lands;  
But I can keep for you, the whilst I live,  
Unstained hands.*

*I have no blazoned scutcheon that insures  
Your path to eminence and worldly fame;  
Longer than empty heraldry endures  
A blameless name.*

*I have no treasure chest of gold refined,  
No hoarded wealth of clinking, glittering  
pelf;  
I give to you my hand, and heart, and  
mind—  
All of myself.*

*I can exert no mighty influence  
To make a place for you in men's affairs;  
But lift to God in secret audience  
Unceasing prayers.*

*I cannot, though I would, be always near  
To guard your steps with the parental rod;  
I trust your soul to Him who holds you  
dear,  
Your father's God.*

—Selected.

am I? It is for me in my particular position in life to measure up to my responsibility. It does not matter what anyone else does. It is my job to do what I ought to do.

To discharge my responsibility is not always easy. Nevertheless it is my responsibility. It was not easy for the first century church to do her duty. Notice some of the things that they had to contend with in those early days of the beginning of Christianity. They were small in number; they were a misunderstood group; they lacked funds and educational training. They did not have the modern conveniences and medical care. Three of their greatest enemies were: Judiasm, idolatry and witchcraft.

May I remind you that it is not any easier to take responsibility today with the thousands of distracting voices seeking to divert our attention from the single path of duty. Think of the radio in the home with its medley of voices, likewise the press, the modern movies and the billboards dotted all over this country with their subtle and convincing advertising.

Who is responsible for the problem of youth delinquency sweeping over our country today? Who is responsible for the large percentage of young and old who are absenting themselves from the House of God on Sunday and mid-week prayer meetings? Who is responsible for the alarming white slave traffic which is prevalent in many of our larger cities? Who is responsible for the millions of dollars that is being spent for things which are lowering the moral and economic standards of our country.

Let me say this, responsibility must begin in the home. Father cannot transfer to the mother all the responsibility for the rearing of the children. Father may be the head of the house but the mother is the heart of the home. Fathers and mothers cannot transfer to child nurses, teachers and pastors the full responsibility for the up-bringing of their children.

When that great Day comes, every father and mother will stand before their Maker responsible for the souls of their own offspring. There is no way in which anyone who has this responsibility can escape it.

Then too the church has its distinctive responsibility in teaching the youth of this generation. The pastor cannot say, "Well, our homes are disorganized today. Parents do not seem to care what their children do." Why not preach to please the people? No my fellow ministers, in the name of Jesus and in the words of the Apostle Paul, "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing—preach the Word; be instant in season and out of season; rebuke, reprove, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

# Crumbling Foundations

Bishop E. J. Swalm

*A radio sermon delivered over station C.K.P.C., Brantford, Ontario and appropriately challenging for Father's Day.*

OUR Scripture reading today will be the 11th Psalm, verses 1-7. We shall endeavour by the grace of God to speak to you on the subject "THE DISASTER OF CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS." Our text you will find in the 11th Psalm, verse 3, where David asks an ominous question "if the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Evidently this Psalm was written when David was very conscious of the attack of his enemies and he realized the value of good foundations. Jesus taught very definitely of the importance of laying good foundations on which we are to build a spiritual super structure and he pointed out the consequence of those who failed to build on such a foundation. In these days of insecurity so keenly realized on every hand it might be well if we sincerely turned our attention towards solid foundations. We sometimes feel as David expressed himself in Psalm 82, verse 5, "All the foundations of the earth are out of course." If we behold tottering kingdoms, vanishing dynasties, broken homes, shattered faith and bewildered society, we are made to say "What can the church which is the salt of the earth do in remedying the situation if foundations are gone?" May I remind you that the word of God pictures for us our world in just such a dilemma as we come towards the close of

As Christians in all walks of life, we need to remind ourselves that we are creatures of influence. "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." Therefore we are under obligation to demonstrate a positive influence for good which will make for strong character, good citizenship and a definite testimony of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Unless we are willing to assume this type of responsibility then we may prepare ourselves to face the same ravages of war, blood and tears that many of our fellowmen are suffering in war-torn areas today. May God help us to rise to the occasion of this challenging hour in our world's history and give our best to God and our fellowmen. May we pray in the words of Ralph Spaulding Cushman,

"Set us afire, Lord,  
Stir us we pray!  
While the world perishes  
We go our way.  
Purposeless, passionless,  
Day after day  
Set us afire, Lord,  
Stir us, we pray!"

—Beulah College.

this dispensation. We are not flattered about our world as a place of sinless holiness and painless peace, but we have portrayed a world of sin, sorrow, and strife. It is not a world that is getting better and better but rather a disintegrated world getting worse and worse as Paul says, "but evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived." (II Timothy 3:13) We are told of an age that will end in judgment because sin has always had a deteriorating effect.

The foundations of society, the pillars or support, such as, public order, peace, prosperity, are weakening and the super structure is swaying violently—indicating the close proximity of its final plunge into chaotic despair. Among the main pillars in this great fabric of human relations are authority, justice, and wealth. If these are shaken collapse ensues. When war threatens a nation and its citizens are suspicious of its government, feeling that they live under thwarted justice and unprincipled policies and suffer an empty treasury, the foes within are greater than the foes without. And yet we would remind you that underlying all these is a deeper foundation, a basic platform on which they rest or else they cannot have satisfactory support. We refer to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ as given to us in the Eternal Word of God. The Bible, a book for pilgrims, toilers, warriors, mourners, sinners. Remember the sword of the spirit was forged in fires of affliction and tempered in tears. It gives light in darkness, songs in nighttime, manna in the wilderness, water from flinty rock. Here is an anchor for tempest tossed souls. It leads us along the path hardened by the tramp of past generations and over ancient battle fields showing us the monument of heroes and conquerors and fills the daily life with the echoes of that majestic past.

Oh, that our sorrowful world could return to that wonderful book and could be guided by its marvelous power. Much has been said the last two decades about a new social order, but why? Do you not think if the foundations of the old social order would have been kept intact there could be no place to even think of another. But what has happened to that foundation? One of the most important supporting columns in society is the home. When our homes are attacked and the foundation of the home is missing, which is true affection based on mutual sacrifice and supported by honest toil, disaster is certain. We very frankly point out that the under pinning of our homes is shot to pieces in this highly industrial age where both husband and wife spend their days at the factory or office—each earning their own income—thus creating a growing independence of

each other. This too often causes them to sidestep the responsibility of children without which a home cannot be all that God intended it to be. Often times such homes lack the love and binding power only to be realized in the innocent, sweet and pure charm of a darling child. The ever increasing laxity of our divorce laws is making the marriage vows less solemn. Thus, marriages are not entered into for life but only so long until the slightest difference of opinion may give them occasion to seek separation. That in turn has given us a generation that does not enter into this sacred relationship on the basis of an understanding and sacrificial love, but mostly on the basis of sex appeal, worldly glamour, and sometimes financial position. Look what follows in its wake. An unprecedented record of crime. Juvenile delinquency and unutterable godlessness. What can we expect of our boys and girls who from their infancy were left with a Baby Sitter while a pleasure mad father and mother spend the evenings at the show, ball-room, night-clubs or the bridge parties. Often times the Christian church is expected to suddenly reform these homes, yea, replace them or remake them, but it is impossible when basic foundations have been eliminated.

May we make reference to another important foundation of society. This is the God-ordained functions of government called the powers that be. No wonder they are disappearing rapidly. God's word tells us that the spirit of lawlessness is already working. If that were true in the days when Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church, I would say that it is certainly working overtime today. But that seems to be inevitable with the glaring miscarriages of justice with which some criminals can get by without penalties and a suspicious public is left with grave apprehensions about the sincerity of our courts.

Perhaps back of all this disillusionment is the breaking down to the greatest and most important of all foundations whether it be for society, government, homes, economies or whatever in the absence of genuine religion based on the eternal word of God and revealed through the meritorious work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God made man originally to love and worship Him. The human family is intuitively religious, and unless they can be set in motion with a proper relation toward God they most certainly will be insecure in the other departments of their life. But what foundations in religion have been destroyed? They are many. The verbal inspiration and veracity of the Holy Scriptures is denied, thus putting The Book on a level with all others and making it cease to be a revelation of God to man. The deity of Christ, His immaculate conception, His virgin birth and the efficacy of His blood

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## Daring To Stand Alone

Earl M. Sider

THE cause of Christ never lacked candidates for martyrdom. When cruel despots and tyrants persecuted Christians in an attempt to stamp out the faith, men and women stepped forward and offered their blood to water and to nourish the seeds of the church. When Nero lighted Rome with the pitchcovered bodies of Christians, others were ready to give their lives for the One they loved. Even though the Bolsheviks execute the followers of Jesus Christ, the name of Jesus is still heard in Russia. Many youth today are also ready to shed their blood for their faith.

But there is a need in America today for a different type of martyrdom. Not a martyrdom that takes blood but a martyrdom that stands alone for Christ and stands for personal convictions. In Germany, if one stood openly for Christ, he was sent to the concentration camp or to the firing squad. In America, if one stands for Christ or his convictions, he is likely to suffer the martyrdom of social isolation or ostracism and is often lashed with the sarcasm or ridicule of society. If he dares to openly confess Christ or live his convictions in many institutions of learning, he suffers ostracism and ridicule, and if he persists, will likely be "flunked" in the end. This calls for actual martyrdom. And this martyrdom of mental suffering and social ostracism is more cruel, more painful, and more destructive than physical martyrdom. Reckless youth sometimes exclaim, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." But words do hurt. They hurt more than the sword or the flame. The front line of our youth today is breaking as they come to face this kind of martyrdom.

To stand alone, one needs something more than mere opinions; he needs deep, forceful convictions. It has been said that, "opinions are excess baggage." Some people are worth nothing to the world or the church because their service is directed by mere opinions. Their course depends on the people with whom they are associating, or who it might be that looks at them. Convictions are essential. Convictions are more than mere opinions. Convictions are living, growing things. They are a mighty propelling, *directive* force, making one's life really aggressive. Some might think it a great handicap to be tied to convictions, that progress and success is hindered thereby, and that it is a nuisance to carry them with us. They do not hinder us. We do not carry them. They carry us through the ridicule, the sarcasm, and the martyrdom of this twentieth century. They carry us triumphantly through

to heaven where we shall share the glory of Him who first suffered and died for us.

But before one is ready to stand alone or die for his convictions he must first have lived with them. He must have lived with them, until, like Daniel, he is persuaded as to their origin and worth. Worth while convictions are not the product of a day, but of years. They are the product and the heritage of generations of pious, God-fearing ancestors. Where else can our youth acquire solid convictions for which they are ready to die or endure the martyrdom of social isolation or sarcasm? Where did Moses and Daniel get this type of convictions? From their fathers and mothers! One reason why youth today dare not stand alone is that their parents have failed to inculcate by precept and example true moral, ethical, and religious principles of the faith for which our fathers died. It is the highest privilege and first obligation of parents to instill deeply into the hearts and minds of their offspring such convictions that will, if necessary, make martyrs of them. This is a heritage all parents can bestow, and which is of more worth than the millions of inherited fortune or the fame of the world's great.

In order that the teaching of parents might produce convictions that are living, growing things, their work must be supplemented by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the heart having been cleansed of the carnal nature. His clearer revelation and confirmation of the principles taught, will make them to be living, mighty factors in the lives of youth, and give courage to stand alone, and if need be, suffer twentieth century martyrdom.

Our convictions are sure to be tested, especially in this rationalistic day when liberalism is the current idea and ideal of youth. But gold always needs purging. That test might come from within the home. It might come while in the Church school. It will come in the social life. It will come in respect to amusements, to dress, to conversation, and in a dozen other ways. This test will most likely come in little things. That's the catch. Daniel was tested on the question of eating. That was a very small and ordinary concern. But in that ordinary, every day matter, great issues were involved. Great issues are usually involved in the most ordinary and seemingly trivial things of life. All this sin and suffering, and lamentable chaos has come to the human family because Mother Eve ate the apple. What tremendous and far reaching and soul damning issues were involved in the disobedience that caused the eating of the apple! Youth beware! Stand alone if need

be! Remember, that the small, ordinary concerns to your life furnish the material for character building and decide your future destiny.

God always stands with that one who dares to stand alone. When Daniel dared, in the face of the challenge, to say his prayers, and because of this was cast into the den of lions, God not only closed the mouths of the ferocious beasts, but went with him all the way through the test. While the Hebrew children were standing in the flames of the heated furnace, the glorious Son of God was seen standing there with them. Paul and Silas with bleeding backs were tortured in the stocks, but God's presence made that prison a little heaven. God will not desert the youth today who dare to stand for Him.

To stand alone for God in holding to convictions is the road to outstanding distinctiveness. Right here many youth miss the mark. The idea of tolerance which has come to be the basis of decision of conduct for modern youth is most certain to prevent distinctiveness. Let the youth of the Brethren in Christ church take heed. Distinctiveness is the sure and logical reward for youth who dare to stand for their convictions, and such distinctiveness as will gain the recognition of the most ungodly men, and certainly the commendation of the godly. Joseph, the youngest son of a despised family, dared to stand alone for principle, and he gained such distinctiveness as to be second in the world's greatest kingdom. Daniel, a captive slave, dared to stand for his convictions, and he became the third man in Nebuchadnezzar's great domain. If you wish to serve in a distinctive sphere, just stand for your convictions. The honor and glory of a distinctive position and career are due only those who will dare to stand alone for Christ.

I would not like to close this message without calling your attention to the fact that your service to your generation counts only as you serve distinctively. History would never have recorded the great reformation of Europe, if God had not found a man like Luther who dared to tack on the church door his ninety-nine objections to Catholicism, and then dared to stand alone and fight it through. The world would never have been blessed by the fire and enthusiasm of holiness, had not God found men like the Wesleys who dared to stand alone and teach the doctrine of heart purity and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

This modern, liberal generation is a challenge to Christian youth, to be distinctive youth, youth with conviction, to live by them, stand by them, if need be, die by them, and in so doing, be a dynamic, saving force in these last days.—*Nanticoke, Ontario.*



## Was Steigerwald Mistaken?

W. O. Winger

About 1901, at General Conference in Canada a tall young man asked for special prayer. The answer landed him as Bishop Jessie Engle's successor at Matopo Mission, South Africa, where he and his wife faithfully laboured till our Brother passed to his reward in 1928. By their Gospel messages many were saved, but we recall especially one mother and widow of the King's chief Witch Doctor who was saved from sin and delivered from beer, tobacco, and heathen customs. She became a most devout Christian—experiencing at one time the locusts turning from her garden as she prayed. She was gracious enough to make allowance for a missionary as he erred in interpreting the Scripture into the Native language, testifying that she received help from the message. At another time when some natives were not considerate of the missionaries, she brought some nice watermelons from her garden, saying, "the people at that school are not all trouble makers." When this faithful Mother in Israel was very old and knew that the end was near, she arose during the night, put on her best dress for burial and laid down and slept away. She was saved and kept to date and ready to meet her Saviour whom she served so faithfully through life. Her grave, covered with rough stone, is some thirty miles from where Brother Steigerwald is buried at the Wanezi Mission, a testimony to the success of his labors.

A cross of undressed stones marks the resting place of the man who was told by the manager of a saw mill in Ohio, as he left for Africa, "Young man Steigerwald, you are making a mistake. You have a chance of rising, and plenty of money." Bro. Steigerwald didn't make money for himself in Africa, although he did for the mission and church, but through the Gospel which he preached souls were won from heathen bondage to the Glorious Light and Liberty of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And one of these, Jesus said, is worth more than the whole world. So was Steigerwald mistaken in turning his back on position and money, choosing rather a life of sacrifice and hardship on the African Field where he laboured for souls?

In answer to whether Steigerwald was mistaken a stone covered grave of a heathen saint says, No.

The Bible would say, NO. Multitudes of Africans would say, NO. Europeans in Africa among whom he was highly esteemed would say, NO. We must all say, NO. And could our Dear Brother pass on his testimony to us he would say, NO. He would gladly do it again, his advice would be, young men turn away from material things and give your lives to things of Eternal value. These are worth more than Silver, Gold and Lands—yes, more than the whole world.—*Grantham, Pa.*

## Your Body-Dead or Alive

Graybill Wolgemuth

From the Roman Epistle

THE Epistle to the Romans was written by Paul during his third visit to Corinth. His intention is soon to visit Rome. He wishes to announce before his coming some distinctive truths which had been revealed to him. He desires that the Christians in Rome have his own statement of the great doctrine of grace so bitterly assailed by certain teachers.

The theme of Romans is "The Gospel of God," and that He is no respecter of persons. "Who is not God of the Jews only but of the Gentiles also." Rom. 2:11 and 3:29. "All the world is found guilty." 3:19. The key phrase of the Epistle is "The righteousness of God." 1:17 and 3:21-22.

"Let us look at the body in its most horrible form. Rom. 1:24, "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves." In Rome with all its splendour, without God

they descended to the lowest vice. This is a picture of the unredeemed man. God has given us a body and wants us to use it in a proper way. The body is capable of sin, but it need not sin. Look at chapter 4: verse 19 "And being not weak in faith he considered not his own body dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb." Here the body is brought before us in its proper use. God doesn't want us to think of the body and sex as something unholy. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Rom. 6:12. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6:6.

In our travels we have seen so many men who live on such a low plane of life. They do not say it, but show by their lives that their aim is to "eat and drink and play for tomorrow we die." There is no thought of God in their actions and con-

## When a Father Prays

Build me a son, O Lord who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee—and to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past. And after all these are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mine of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."—*Selected.*

duct. Drink and cigarettes seem to be part of their life. In conversation, one of the officers on our ship told me, "If I have no cigarettes with me, and should I find it out before I begin to eat, I will get up from the table and get some before I start eating."

The mortal body is subject to sin and death, but thank God the Soul and spirit are redeemed by Christ. According to Rom. 6:13, the mortal body has members and these are capable of sin. But this verse tells us, not to yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but to yield ourselves unto God; as those who are alive from the dead . . . A man tries in vain to improve the body but ends up by being a wretch. Paul therefore suggests that we die, Rom. 8:11. "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:13 says, "For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die, but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Thank God, the deeds of the flesh are to be mortified through the spirit. In Romans 7 the word I is mentioned thirty times, and the chapter finishes up with: "Oh wretched man that I am." But in Romans 8, the word "spirit" appears eighteen times. Here we find the solution, "through the spirit." "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ

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## Births

**NOCK**—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Nock, Lansdale, Pa., a son named William Henry, at the Grand View Hospital on May 9.

**HESS**—On May 11, Lois Elaine was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hess of Souderton, Pa., at the Grand View Hospital.

**SIDER**—A daughter, Twila Annette was born to Bro. and Sr. Alvin Sider of Stevensville, Ontario, May 13.

**MUMMAU**—A daughter, Geraldine Mae, came to bless the home of Bro. and Sr. Owen Mummau of Mt. Joy, Pa. R. 2, on May 14.

**MILLER**—A son, Garey Eugene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller, of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, on April 23.

**CURLEY**—Born at Springvale, Ontario, on May 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curley, a daughter, Sheila May. Sister Curley was the former Clarabel Teal.

**DUNCAN**—Mr. and Mrs. Otie Duncan of Virginia are the proud parents of twin boys born May 6. Their names are Donald Lee and Thomas Neil. Mrs. Duncan was the former Esther Buckwalter.

**BRANDT**—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brandt, Custer, Oklahoma, announce the birth of a daughter, Lois Elaine, on May 23.

**SWITZER**—Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Switzer, Hydro, Oklahoma, are proud parents of a daughter, Beulah Bernell, born April 29.

**MUSSER**—Brother and Sister John Musser of the Green Spring congregation are the proud parents of a daughter, Frances Arlene, born April 25.

**BERT**—A son, Joel Robert came to bless the home of Brother and Sister John Bert, on April 25. Brother and Sister Bert are members of the Mowersville congregation.

## Weddings

**SLAGENWEIT-EBERSOLE**—On Sunday afternoon, April 25, Miss Anna Marie Ebersole, daughter of Brother and Sister Jacob Ebersole, Martinsburg, Pa., and David Slagenweit, son of Brother and Sister D. A. Slagenweit, Curryville, were united in marriage at the Martinsburg Brethren in Christ Church. Eld. Andrew Slagenweit officiated. The wedding was witnessed by a large group of relatives and friends. Surely we do wish them God's richest blessings as they go through life together.

**BURKHOLDER-HERR**—Sr. Miriam Amanda Herr, daughter of Bro. and Sr. John S. Herr, Manheim, Pa., and Bro. Asa D. Burkholder, son of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Burkholder, Chambersburg, Pa. R. D., were united in marriage at the Manheim Church on Sunday, May 23. Bishop Henry A. Ginder and Rev. Daniel Burkholder officiated. May God's richest blessing attend them.

## Obituaries

**RETTEW**—Albert Rettew was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., July 25, 1855 and departed this life at Manheim, Pa., March 9, aged 92 years, 7 months and 14 days. He was the son of David and Cathrine Sprigle Rettew.

On Nov. 21, 1878, he was married to Fianna Thuma, who preceded him in death 16 years ago.

He was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church for almost 50 years. He was the oldest member of Rapho District.

He is survived by the following children, John Rettew, Mount Joy; Albert and Harvey Rettew, Manheim; Anna, wife of V. B. Hilsher, Elizabethtown, Pa.; Fannie, at home and Kathryn, wife of Warren Heisey, Mount Joy, Pa. Thirteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Also one brother, Ellis Rettew, Brickerville, survives.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 12, from the Beck Funeral Home, Manheim, with further services in the Manheim Brethren in Christ Church in charge of Bishop Henry A. Ginder, Eld. Christ Moyer, and Eld. Monroe Dourte. Text Psalms 116:15. Burial took place in the Mastersonville Cemetery.

**BURKHOLDER**—Henry B. Burkholder was born November 13, 1867, and died May 5, aged 80 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

He was converted in his early twenties and joined the Brethren in Christ Church in which he served as an active worker for his Lord.

He was first married to Mrs. Lydia Wenger, a young widow with three children, David H. Wenger, Mrs. Clark Hock and Jesse Wenger. Bro. and Sr. Burkholder served as steward and matron of Messiah Home for some time, after which they assumed the responsibility of the Philadelphia Mission.

After Mrs. Burkholder's death, he was later married to Fannie H. Martin on May 21, 1918. Surviving are his widow, Fannie M., one adopted daughter, Thelma Eunice, married to Paul Redcay, two grandchildren, Paul, Jr., and Dale Eugene Redcay; also one brother, Joseph Burkholder, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bro. Burkholder's presence and participation were an inspiration in the various services of the church. He bore constant testimony, by word and life, of God's saving, sanctifying and keeping power.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, conducted at the home by Eld. Walter Reighard. Further services were held in the Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church, with Bish. I. W. Musser and Eld. S. O. Brubaker and several other local ministers participating. Texts used were Psalms 37:37 and Job 1:21.

Interment was made in Conoy Cemetery.

**REITZEL**—Mary Anna Umbower, daughter of the late Samuel and Susan Bowers Umbower of Morrison's Cove, Pennsylvania, was born June 1, 1878 and died April 22, 1948 at the age of 69 years, 10 months, and 21 days. On September 21, 1904 she was united in marriage with the Rev. Charles F. Reitzel who died in 1938. An infant son died in 1907. She is survived by a brother, John Umbower of Roaring Spring, at whose home she passed away.

In girlhood Mrs. Reitzel was converted in the Martinsburg Church of God, where she held lifelong membership. Her husband served congregations of the Church of God at Walnut Grove (Huntingdon County), Chambersburg, Highspire, Mt. Joy, and Altoona. From 1926 until his death he was engaged in the work of the Central Pennsylvania Bible Conference at Lakemont.

In all his ministerial labors, Mrs. Reitzel was indeed a helpmate to her husband. Hospital and prison visitations engaged her personal interest. She was a gentle and loving disposition for which she is remembered by all who knew her—not a spirit of mere human kindness, but an activated concern for the spiritual welfare of all with whom she met. In costume she was separated from the world; in devotion she was separated unto the Lord Jesus and the seeking of His lost sheep.

She was the author of a book of poems, *Truth in Rhymes*, and her verses appeared in the *Altoona Mirror* but a few weeks before her death.

Funeral services were held from the late residence on Sat., April 24, upon which occasion a cousin, the Rev. S. B. Stoner, by request of the deceased "preached the gospel." The Rev. H. Q. Rhodes of the Roaring Spring Church of the Brethren was in charge. Interment took place beside her husband in Fairview Cemetery, Martinsburg.

## Quotations

from the poems of Mrs. Charles F. Reitzel  
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*We would not wish to tarry here always,  
 Oh no, dear friend;  
 We're waiting for our Heavenly Home,  
 where joys ne'er have an end.*

*We trust that you too will be there, dear  
 reader of this rhyme;  
 We gain admittance through Christ's  
 blood, this is our "countersign."*

*Let's ask when we are needy, and say,  
 "Thy will be done;"  
 ('Twill mean great peace through trials  
 until we reach our home.)  
 Then praise Him for the answer, e'en  
 though it may not be  
 According to our asking, but God's blest  
 sovereignty.*

*Why weep at unrealities—scenes, stories,  
 things untrue,  
 And wink at life's realities, with which  
 we have to do?*

*Souls in bondage, look to Him;  
 He hath borne our guilt and sin.  
 O, how thankful we should be  
 For this Christian liberty!*

## The Christ Built Church

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Christ and allows himself to be fitted to the place where God wants each one in the church; even to the point of good, sound, Holy discipline or chastening. Heb. 12:6-9.

(d) "Perseverance"—So far as Christ's work of building His church is concerned, that will go right on to the finish.

(4) "My"—My church; the church owned of God. I Tim. 3:15. The Apostle Paul said He was jealous over this church and that he would like to present them as a chaste virgin to Christ. II Cor. 11:2. "Many are called but few are chosen." "Not all who say Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom;" Matt. 7:21. In this day and age people have such a small concept of what the church really is. Christ said He will build this church but He needs us to accomplish His purpose. Only those who voluntarily respond to Christ's love, and give Him their single-minded and heart affection; of these He says "Thou art Mine." Isa. 43:1.

(5) "Church"—Not a club, or lodge, or labor union, but the church is the Bride of Christ. Eph. 5:25-27. Take a look at Her. (a) Her size—A multitude which no man could number. Rev. 7:9. (b) Her beauty—Like an adorned bride, Rev. 21:2, 9.



# With the Church On the Foreign Field

"BUT GOD WAS THERE"

Florence R. Hensel

Sunday April eleventh a revival meeting opened at Wanezi Mission. This special service was only for the school boys and the men working at the Mission. Because we do not have a Church building here yet, the school chapel was used and it is not large enough to accommodate more than our student body and a few working men. So the community folk were not invited to our services which lasted one week.

There were two services each day, one at noon and another in the evening. The evangelist was the father of one of the Standard Six boys. His messages were especially directed to the boys and God blessed his Word and spoke to hearts. About half of our student body remained for prayer and confessed their sins. God gave the boys courage to stand and acknowledge to their fellow students that there was sin in their lives to be confessed. One of the boys confessed that while at Matopo several years ago, he had acquired possession of a book without paying for it. Now that book was troubling him and he was ready to right the wrong. The Gospel of Restitution is not received very eagerly by these people; they cannot see it as we do, but God is opening their minds and hearts to His Word.

The closing service was a fitting climax to the revival meeting. It will long be remembered by the boys. About an hour before time for the service it began to rain, and about two inches of rain fell in that hour. The rain slackened somewhat and the service began. There is a tin roof over the chapel—no ceiling between the roof and the floor—and when it rains hard it is most impossible to hear any one speaking. The only ones present at this service were the evangelist, Bro. Brenaman, the writer, and the boys. After some choruses and several volunteer prayers, the evangelist started his message. It was based on the story of the ten virgins from the 25th chapter of Matthew. About half-way through the message it rained so hard that the evangelist could hardly be heard, so he started singing "Kumbula Ikaya Lapaya" (Think of the Home Over There). He then continued his message. The first invitation number was, "Ngi Ya Mu Zwa Umsindisi" (I Hear the Savior), a translation of "Where He Leads Me." A number of the boys rose to their feet and all sang as if they really meant every word. The second number was "Ngi Yeza, Nkosi, Ngi Za Ngi Nje"—"Just As I Am." This is a favorite of the boys and was sung even more heartily than the other. Here and there all over the room boys rose to their feet with beaming faces or eyes swimming with tears. God was very real to everyone that night. It was a consecration service, a sacred service and one to be remembered. Twenty-eight boys stood, some had stood before, but they wanted to be sure that they were free before God. It was raining on the outside and the showers of blessings were falling on the inside. God had answered prayer and given us an unusual meeting. What did it matter if the evangelist was barefooted, the benches without backs, some

of the boys in rags, God was there and everyone knew it.

The following statements are expressions of some of the Standard Six boys.

"I still remember what the evangelist said about the sinners and how it is bad to disobey the decalogue of the Bible. I see that our revival helped many people who were not following the will of God, who were not in the kraal of the Lord and many of us were saved during our revival."

"Many boys repented, but some did not. His preaching was as nice as sugar. I do remember his words today. He said that he that swims in sin will sink in sorrow. These words I kept them in my heart that if I swim in sin I will sink in sorrow."

"The first day the evangelist arrived, I was very much interested in his good tidings. When he was informing us about the Lord's words I felt pity and conscious that I should do away with bad things and do good."

"The evangelist spoke of the days about ten girls who were not all Christians, there, I asked myself this question: 'Am I not one of the five girls who were bad in the sight of the Lord.'"

"It was necessary for us to have a revival for it gives us more energy to follow God and the evangelist that spoke to us was filled with great hunger. He spoke until the people were stirred not only that, but were filled with great enthusiasm."

"He so preached that each and every individual felt the magnetism to follow all the principles of Christianity. Thus when it came to the privilege of repenting quite a number of us volunteered."

"He preached with an extraordinary enthusiasm in so much that I felt something in my heart."—Wanezi Mission.

## JUST A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

Mary C. Kreider

"Daina," I said to the Girls' Head Prefect, after the services on Sunday, I am going for a walk; I think I'll go to the kopje over there"—indicating the solid granite hill forming the horizon line beyond our vegetable garden. "I'm not going far and I want some time for a quiet time, so the girls can bring along their Bibles or whatever they wish to read. I think we'll limit it to Second Year girls. You bring a list, as usual, of any who want to come along, so we can give it to iNkosikazi Eyer. Don't be too late about it—and tell the girls to be at our house by three."

The list with twelve names appeared while we were eating lunch. The girls in the class number thirteen; the unfortunate thirteenth was ill but she sent word with Daina that she was going to try to go if we were going to "Ilitye lika Ntunjambili," a fabled rock to which the girls have asked to be taken. I assured Daina that I did not intend going there that particular day.

John Sider, also invited, was at our cottage when the girls came. He called in to me, "Why, these girls are carrying their Bibles and song books!" The two girl teachers, Kumalo and Mdhluli, were also with the group of pupil teachers. We set out briskly and happily, enjoying the prospect of a little freedom among the beauties of Nature. On the whole we walked rather

quietly with John surprising us into laughter now and then with his friendly banter with several whom he had learned to know during his Mtshabezi days. As we passed through the garden—every Tebele maiden loves a garden—I gave each a sprig of mint tea to chew—a novelty to them.

Atop the kopje, at a place where fissures and a depression in the rock with a deposit of soil permit the growth of bush and trees and other vegetation, over an area of several acres, we halted and I separated from the girls—who also broke into smaller groups.

What I appreciated that afternoon was this: the power of the Gospel to give quiet, cheerful charm to those girls growing rapidly into womanhood, so that instead of their walking in revelry and heathen excess they could find happiness in a quiet walk in nature and in simple devotions. How different from the way of the unregenerate heathen heart!

"Heaven above is softer blue,  
Earth around is sweeter green,  
Something lives in every hue  
Christless eyes have never seen.

"Birds with gladder song o'erflow  
Flowers with richer beauties shine  
While I know, as now I know,  
I am His and He is mine."

John came back to me from one of the groups saying, "Those girls sent me away; they say they want to pray."

Singing came to me from two different directions as I sat reading "In the Garden of His Love"—subdued, worshipful singing, and I was glad at heart.—Matopo Mission.

## Your Body

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Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We have done away with the power of sin. "Waiting for . . . the redemption of our body." 8:23.

The body is not only going to be made alive, but it is going to be redeemed. The price is already paid, but the redeeming takes place when Jesus comes. Oh that blessed hope of the child of God. While here, this body will be a trouble and a trial to us, but maybe soon, yes, maybe soon, it will be made like unto Himself. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Phil. 3:21. May we quickly get out of Romans 7 into Romans 8.—Cape-town, S. Africa.

Accompanying this article by Bro. Wolgemuth was the following note on their journey.

Pray for us. I appreciate the many back home who have taken my hand and said, "I will pray for you, mention your name daily before the throne of God."

God has given us traveling mercies across the great Atlantic, landing us safely in Cape Town. We have to wait here for our train to Bulawayo until Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock. We arrived here

on Sunday morning, May 16. It has been raining much of the time. Since here, I have written this article.

As your representatives we feel our mission is a sacred and responsible one, and by God's help we mean to give our bodies a living sacrifice, wholly, acceptable unto God.

Please continue to hold us up in prayer.

One of your needy servants,

Graybill Wolgemuth

Andrew Murray Missionary Home

Bellevue St., Cape Town

May 19, 1948

## In The Homeland

### Zion, Kansas

The work and services of the Zion congregation are encouraging. During the recent past we have had a number of visitors in our services at different times. We are always glad to welcome visitors whenever they can be present with us. During the past year we have six babies added to our cradle roll.

For some time the Zion congregation had felt a need of more Sunday School rooms and more conveniences in our church. So last fall it was decided to dismantle the church and rebuild. On March 31 the task of dismantling was started. The location of the new church was decided upon and it is a short distance from the site of the old church. Then the work of the excavation of the basement was soon started. The building has made rapid progress and at the present time the building is about ready for the roof.

The Lord has blessed in this project making it possible to purchase the necessary material and also in the protection of the workmen. Several times some one came near to having what might have been a serious accident, but we feel the Lord has protected them. For this we thank the Lord.

We pray God's blessing upon this project, as it goes forward to completion.

Mrs. J. C. Hoover

### Woodbury, Pa.

"Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Jno. 4:35.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19,20.

The command is first to look, and then to go. Those of Christ's co-laborers who venture have the blessed promise "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Our pastor, Bro. Ross Morningstar, with the help of Bro. George Spencer, Janesville, recently held a three weeks meeting at Hunlocks Creek, Pa. This is located just 30 miles southwest of Scranton. Many of the people there were very eager to hear the Gospel. The meeting was held in a church whose doors were closed for quite some time. Thirty-two souls bowed at the altar of prayer. Some prayed through to glorious victory and are willing to observe the "all

things" which Christ has commanded. They are very anxious that a Brethren in Christ work be started in their midst. We are asking every reader to make this a special request of prayer, that God's will might be worked out in this harvest field.

Mrs. Darleigh Replogle

### Sherkston, Ontario

This congregation had the privilege recently of enjoying a Program by the Ladies Chorus of the Ontario Bible School. A fairly large congregation listened attentively, and many expressions of appreciation were heard. Last Sunday two sisters renewed their allegiance to God and the Church and were received back into fellowship, by Bishop Bert Sherk. Our other activities are improving. Sunday School attendance is up and services at the Church are well attended. The Sewing Circle is still operating. A young people's class meets weekly. We expect to lift our Sunday morning service on Sunday, May 30, so that we can attend Bertie Love Feast.

Norman E. Church

### Springvale, Ont.

On May 15 our spring love feast was held, and on the 16th an all day Bible Conference.

Attendance at Love feast was not so large, yet the presence of the Lord was in evidence as the saints worshipped in song and testimony, and the Word was expounded by visiting ministers. Bible Conference was well attended. As topics were discussed by different speakers, a very wholesome atmosphere was created and God was honored. Together we rejoiced in the Lord and received new inspiration to serve Him more faithfully.

Della W. Nigh

### Colyer and Green Grove, Pa.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:

A revival service was held at the Green Grove Church with Bishop Henry Heisey of Louisville, Ohio, as evangelist. Bro. Heisey came filled with the Holy Spirit. Heavy conviction fell on the unsaved and those who had grown cold, but they failed to yield themselves to the Lord. The saints were refreshed. Pray for this community as we need the Lord. May the Lord bless Bro. Heisey as he labors in his own field. On Sunday evening, March 28, we were privileged to have the Ladies Chorus from Messiah Bible College with us at Colyer. The Church was filled, and their program was very much enjoyed. May the Lord bless each one of the group.

On Saturday evening, April 10, communion services were held at the Green Grove Church. We were made to think afresh of the Death and Suffering of our Lord. Oh! that we would be more like Him each day.

On Saturday evening, April 17, our Tri-County (Centre, Clinton and Mifflin) Young People's Society met at the Colyer Church. An interesting program was given.

On Sunday evening, May 9, Sr. Martha Sentz was with us and gave an interesting talk on some of her work in Home Mission Fields. May the Lord bless her as she labors for Him.

Our Tent Meeting will begin June 12 at Green Grove. Please pray for these meetings that souls may be saved.

Mrs. Charles Fohringer

### Souderton—Silverdale, Pa.

April 10-11, The annual Young People's Conference was held at the Souderton Church. Bishop Henry Ginder, Manheim, Pa., was the conference speaker, and he brought challenging messages directly to the youth of our Church. Sunday afternoon Bro. Ginder had charge of a children's meeting which was an inspiration to both the young and old. Another feature of the Sunday afternoon program was a discussion on "Investing our Lives for Christian Service" by Esther Tyson, Robert Worman and Ernest Boyer. All three persons are at present preparing for active Christian service in our Church. We were also glad to have the Ladies Quartette from Messiah College with us for the conference.

April 18, The Messiah College Male Chorus was with us Sunday evening for a program. This year, for the first time, we rented the local high school auditorium which seats about 1200, because the Souderton Church was always too small for the crowd which usually attends this musical program. The program was well announced, and the auditorium was well filled because almost every seat was occupied. The program was enjoyed, and we wish the Chorus God's blessing as they spread the Gospel by song.

May 2, Eld. and Sr. Walter Winger were with us at the Silverdale Church this evening. Sr. Winger gave an interesting account of some of the work in Africa and then Bro. Winger continued that account and closed with a strong appeal for new recruits of young people to send to the foreign fields.

May 15-16, Love Feast at the Silverdale Church. Bishop Charlie Byers was with us for these services. The presence of God was felt during the week-end services. Rev. C. Musser and Bro. A. Zook accompanied Bishop Byers from Chambersburg, and we were glad to have them enjoy the services with us.

### Nottawa, Ontario

In the past few weeks Nottawa District has been favored in having two groups of students from the Ontario Bible School.

On April 4, the Gospel Team, under the leadership of Miss Sherk gave a program in the Sixth Line Church. Many pleasing and appreciative remarks were made about this service.

The Ladies Chorus was with us, May 8-9. The Quartet sang in the Revival at Collingwood Church Saturday evening, May 8 and on Sunday morning, at the Sixth Line Church. The chorus thrilled a large audience with their message in song.

Collingwood Revival was held from May 2-9 with Rev. J. N. Hostetter, Clarence Center, N. Y. as evangelist. This was the first series of meetings held in this new church, and we were happy to see it well filled each night with representatives from several denominations. Especially did we appreciate the attendance of the pastors from other churches of the town.

Three young people requested prayer.

Sinners will be saved when Christians act as if they had been saved.

Those who climb into the band wagon last add least to the music.



# Teen-Agers

Edith France

THE gap in the fence between the child and the man is called "Teenagers." In childhood they were learners-helpers, but now their aim is to become a DOER. Thus far they have been content to be omnibuses for the ideas of parents and teachers—now they want to think, to plan, to be what they want to be. They have many interests with complex decisions. In the public schools they write essays, sing in the glee clubs, hold committee meetings, elect school officers, plan hikes, and entertainments.

They are developing mentally and spiritually, sometimes they rise above the common atmosphere and try the stratosphere and some even attempt to make you believe they are native sons and daughters of the intellectual stratosphere.

Again they are like unto tender plants reaching toward the sunshine of knowledge and power. We must keep them in the right attitude, (notice I did not say environment, for that is impossible with many of our boys and girls) and with the best qualified teachers. We are teaching boys and girls and using the Bible to do it. You cannot expect to get out of the class more than you put into it. Gather materials, then try to inspire the pupils to do the work.

We must have dedication or enlistment in our classes because eighty to eighty-five percent of our church members come from the Sunday School.

For a class, the room is important. They cannot be packed, like primary children are, into a small space. The boys are living higher from the floor and need a place for lengthening limbs. The girls too are growing and it is important to them to have plenty of room for their purses and ample space so skirts are unrumpled.

We have heard much about the worship center. Have some picture or object in the room which will attract their attention as soon as they enter and which will make a worshipful atmosphere. Perhaps a picture of Christ above the table or an open Bible on a silk scarf, with candles. Let some member of the class choose the picture or make the arrangement. One of the group may be song leader, another bring the Scripture. It is well to train them to pray in public. Help them with their parts during the week.

Lately they have become clothes conscious, parent conscious, also a keener interest in social and religious life. Each one has a particular interest, find it.

Class projects are valuable, as writing to missionaries, saving money for a stated project, sewing classes and craft work.

These kind of gatherings or clubs are much preferred to formal parties. The best intermediate or "teenagers" class I ever heard of was the one I attended in my teens. We had a saintly sister, a very capable and interesting speaker, conduct the quarterly period of the Bible class then a talented brother took over just as we were filled with the good morals and the strictly religious part, to teach us the Books of the Bible, its history and geography in a very pleasing manner.

We must not forget the social life. "Teenagers" enjoy planning and having entertainments. In our conventions, camps and young people's days, they can be encouraged to take part or do the whole.

It is mostly during these years they decide upon their life occupation, their future helpmate, and decide if they really have a call. They are in preparation for their real life work. It is a very wise teacher who can guide these young people to see the right path and walk in it.

We must present the necessity of the Lord's work. Many "teenagers" will win more souls for Christ during their school days than they will ever win in the remainder of their lives after they get into business, on the farm and to housekeeping. For then they may not take time for soul winning unless they are missionaries or preachers.

It is the firm belief of child evangelism workers that each pupil should become Christian as soon as possible after entering the class. Then you work with a receptive heart and the attitude is better.

Avoid snobbishness! Someone working with a teen age girl, who was very neat, artistic and worked diligently for three other children and her father. After much prayerful persuasion she attended Sunday School but only for one time. That Sunday she sat in the end of the seat next to a minister's daughter who pulled her skirts over and finally moved to the other end of the bench. The mother had died about six years before this. Three years later the girl was sent to an institution, had an illegitimate child, married a man, and had to give her baby away. She obtained a divorce and went into business in a large city running a racket. Her sister became contaminated and discouraged then committed suicide leaving a child to face life without a mother.

Miss Neeley, a coordinator in a city school, says the attitude of the teacher decides if the child will or will not learn. Man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart.

Argument is not profitable, but possession is. The teacher must live the life.

It is well to encourage the reading of the Bible, biographies, and devotional works. Encourage them to join things which will be beneficial to them. Memorizing of much Scripture whether they understand it or not will be beneficial to them in later years. One day Lillian Wald was with two of her classmates making decisions. One girl said she wanted to travel the other wanted to be a society belle, but Lillian thought it would be good to learn nursing. After her course, she decided to work for those who could not afford to pay for such services. Later she rented a house in a district which has since become famous and called it the "Henry Street Settlement."

With the help of two hundred sixty-five nurses in 1936 they made 550,000 calls to visit the sick. She was the instigator of the public health nursing in the schools.

Lillian was called, "The woman who never gave up." See how influential one can be in a community where they are needed?

Every Sunday in some manner, there should be opportunities for decisions for Christ, for His cause, to work to pray and to consecrate their lives, time and money. Encourage them not to spend all of their time on I, myself, and me, but to think of others. They may not have as many years as we have had to spend upon ourselves.

Do our "teenagers" know the names of our missionaries as well as they do the names of radio people and movie stars?

Peter Philip Bilhorn was a boy in ragged clothing when invited to Sunday School. Later he was a concert singer when he surrendered all to Christ and decided to be more than an entertainer, more than an ornament to grace his place in life and thereafter used his talents for Christ.

Show these "teenagers" you love them but let them do all the work as far as possible in the class.—*Pasadena Brethren in Christ Sunday School Convention, Feb. 1948.*

## The Harvest of Sin

All the blights and storms from which man suffers are but echoes in the natural world of the mischiefs wrought by sin in the spiritual. Every phase of evil within man finds some reflection in the evil without him; and everywhere we see a groaning and travailing world, full of labor and sorrow, because full of sin and guilt. Blasting and mildew, thorns and briers, had no place in the Divine ideal of a pure and holy world; they will have no place in the new creation from which sin, and therefore its shadows have been banished.—*Joseph Cook.*



# Mission and Responsibility

## of the Sunday School in the Present Day Crisis

Glendon Snider

We are in a day when crimes being committed are being done by the youth of the nation. According to statistics, every 20 seconds a serious crime is committed. At this rate, tomorrow this time 4320 crimes will have been done.

Further statistics show that:

Every 36 seconds a larceny is committed

Total in 24 hours ..... 2400

Every 90 seconds a burglary is committed

Total in 24 hours ..... 960

Every 2 minutes a car is stolen

Total in 24 hours ..... 720

Every 8 3/4 minutes an aggravated assault hospitalizes someone

Total in 24 hours ..... 164

Every 9 1/2 minutes a robbery takes place

Total in 24 hours ..... 152

Every 45 minutes virtue is ravished by rape—Total in 24 hours ..... 32

Every 46 minutes a human life expires by murder—Total in 24 hours ..... 31

Further statistics show that youth under 21 years of age accounted for 14% of all murders, 35% of all robberies, 49% of the burglaries, 61% of all the cars stolen, 30% of all rapists, 33% of all thieves and 27% of the arsony committed.

Think of it, reader, during the war years the seventeen year old youth constituted the largest age group arrested! The question arises as to who is responsible for those youth who have gone wrong. The sad fact is that today we are living in a professing Christian nation, yet God is being left out of the lives of so many of the parents.

Who is responsible that sin is abounding and getting such a hold on the youth of today. It is the adult population of our nation. Who sell the beer and whiskey? Who advertises it? It is the adult. What do these adults care about the youth of the nation? All they are interested in is the money that is derived therefrom. God help the adults to wake up as to what their eternal punishment is going to be.

If we stop to consider most of the sins which are prevalent today, we will find that adults are responsible for the things that are being done. Parents no longer think they have time to spend with their children. How can they warn against the evils of these sins when they themselves are participants? What is needed today is an old-fashioned returning to God of the parents. Then the children will receive the right instruction.

But what can be done about this condition? The Sunday School has a mission to fulfill and she will be held responsible if she fails to do her part. It is true that parents are failing in their obligation to

their children, as we find commanded in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Since the children are not receiving the right instruction, the Sunday School needs to arise and fill the gap. One writer has said that the Sunday School is the greatest work of the church. The Sunday School is the gold mine of the church. It has been said, that when we start paying more attention to the child in the high chair, there will be less need for the electric chair.

Remember criminals are not born, they develop. They are the victims of wrong habits, values and ideas which adults have instilled into them. A mother asked how soon she should start to train her child. The question was asked as to how old the child was. She replied that he was five years old, to which the answer was given, "Hurry home; you have lost the best five years of the child's life." That early training is what will be hard to get away from in later years, especially if the youth has recognized that the parents were sincere. God help parents to have such a genuine experience of salvation that the children will desire to have what mother and father have. A Sunday School scholar had a teacher who was named Aunt Sarah. He watched her. When she had ups and downs in her daily routine of tasks, she always kept happy and sweet through it all, and he made the remark, that if he ever be-

came a Christian, he wanted the kind that his Sunday School teacher had.

We cannot instill too soon in the youth the terribleness of sin and the need of God in their lives. In God's word we read: Go ye into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. Today we need to go after the youth and try to get them to come to Sunday School. The parents do not seem to be interested to come, so it will be up to consecrated Christian workers. In our natural every day life we must go after our work if we expect to accomplish something. It takes action on our part, and if we do the same in the Sunday School work, God will reward us.

God give us a picture of the value of saving the souls of youth. Of those who reach the age of twenty-three and are unconverted, it is said that only two out of one hundred ever are saved. There are seven times as many converted at the age of sixteen as at twenty-six. There are more converted at the age of thirteen than in any other year of life. Some may say that the conversion of youth at that age is not a genuine enough experience. I remember my own conversion at the age of twelve years. God's spirit just seemed to break in upon me and I asked to be saved. Was it genuine? Indeed it was, just as real as day and night are. I had the consciousness that my sins were all forgiven. And I believe the consecrated Sunday School teacher will strive to instill in her Sunday School scholars the desire to have God to come into their lives. The ages at which children may want to be saved may vary according to the teaching they have

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## Teachers' Meetings

Harold Wolgemuth

*This discussion of the why, when and how of Sunday School Teachers' Meetings was presented at the Ohio-Kentucky Joint Council of the Brethren in Christ.*

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer—" Prov. 15:28.

Recently I visited a home and in conversation with the parents learned of their son who had attended Lexington University and was now in Bowling Green, Kentucky, working for the Government. He was engaged in research work to aid in discovering new ways and means of destruction. They said he was paid \$75.00 a week now and was to be promoted in a few weeks. Then I wondered if we as members of the Church of the Living God are just as eager to discover new ways and means of building—instead of destroying. Teachers' Meetings do aid in building Churches, Sunday Schools, Men and Women and Boys' and Girls' lives. In fact they

are the nucleus of a great spiritual movement.

### I. WHY—?

In spite of the fact that there is sometimes the feeling that the work of the Sunday Schools is of secondary import, we are told that about 80% of the Church's members come in through the Sunday School.

Again we are told that only two percent of the men back of "iron doors" ever attended the Sunday School. We can conclude from these few facts that we need an *awakening to the need of, and really believing in the Ministry of the Sunday School*. Teachers' Meetings can and must do that. With a leader who has a passion for lost souls we cannot overestimate the value of Teachers' Meetings. The Catholic Church has far exceeded us in utilizing the teaching ministry of the church. In a Louisville Hospital recently a little twelve year old girl said to the rest in her room, "before you all leave here you will

all be Catholics." Someone spent much time teaching her that which "she knew was right." Teachers' meetings, properly conducted, *will awaken an interest in others*. In these meetings we may take up the problems of the school itself, but they must also challenge us as teachers to properly face the real need of our day, evangelism. They tell us that there are 80,000,000 out of "anybody's church." That many people in the U. S. alone? Yes, alarming, isn't it?

NOW—ask yourself the question: "Do I really believe that people are lost?" Ask it *again and again*. Yes, I believe a leader on fire for God and carrying a burning passion for lost men can set the teachers' meeting on fire and the school.

Teachers' Meetings can and should place real emphasis on the *value of the child*. Horace Mann was once asked, "What is a chapel worth?" He replied,

"One million dollars if it saves one boy."

"That's too much for just one boy," was the reply.

"Not if it is my boy." It does make a difference if it is your boy but then too all the boys and girls that you and I work with are "some body's boy and girl." Your children and mine are the office holders of tomorrow.

## II. WHEN—?

Today is the day of Salvation. *America needs the Bible and its message of salvation now*. Tomorrow may be too late.

## III. HOW—?

I presume those who assigned this topic to me had in mind the need of presenting a workable formula to get these meetings organized or started.

This is a personal opinion but I think a Teachers' Training Course should be included in the Teachers' Meetings.

Some congregations have regular teachers' meetings of just the active teachers in the Sunday School. This is to discuss new methods to be used for solving problems. This is very good, but only active teachers can attend. Whereas if a Teacher Training Course is included, you can train new teachers or prospective ones as well. Furthermore, the benefits of the Teacher Training Course are difficult to present because they are so many. Just a few can be presented.

A. A conscious and regular study of books offered by T. T. Courses greatly adds to one's knowledge of the Bible.

B. Survey Courses give one a grasp of the sacred history of the Old & New Testament.

C. Books on Psychology introduce the teacher to the pupil with whom he works. He better understands children and their ways after such study.

D. Methods Study offers suggestions of tried and successful ways of getting Bible truths across to the child.

I hear some one say, "we have a big school and an active school and we never had teachers' meetings and I don't think we can better our school by them." I think that I am decided on this, that if your school was successful and growing, you learned "outside of books" what some learn "in books."

In conclusion, to be a successful Teacher it takes

- (1) A real live Christian, to begin with.
- (2) Prayer with persistency.
- (3) Much more hard work, toil and tears.
- (4) Regular, systematic study.

The *Wise Man* said "the heart of the righteous studieth to answer."

Teachers are building temples  
With loving and infinite care,

Planning each arch with patience,  
Laying each stone with prayer.

The temple the teacher is building  
Will last while the ages roll;

For that beautiful, unseen temple,  
Is a child's immortal soul.

—Garlin, Ky.

## In The Homeland

Bethany, Thomas, Oklahoma

LOVE FEAST—The annual spring Love Feast was held on Mother's Day, May 9. A large group participated in this ordinance. Shouts of joy and victory added inspiration and power to the service.

GUESTS—Miss Evangeline and Mr. Lloyd Hostetler and a friend from Massillon, Ohio, made short calls in the community Saturday morning, May 22.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Engle gave inspiring talks on various phases of missionary life in the Sunday services, June 6.

JABBOK BIBLE SCHOOL—May 19 marked the close of another successful year at Jabbok. We wish to honor the Lord for His presence and blessing felt throughout the year. Bishop Alva Swartzendruber, pastor of the Pleasant View Mennonite Church near Hydro, Oklahoma, and Elder Ray Smee, Pastor of the Red Star Church near Leedey, Oklahoma, delivered the Baccalaureate and Commencement addresses respectively.

Manheim, Pa.

On April 18, we had a Foreign Mission Meeting in which Eld. and Sr. Walter Winger, who served 38 years in Africa, were present. The information they gave us—with all those years of service in the background—brought a very striking challenge. We shall never forget it.

In keeping with National Family Week, we enjoyed a sermon on the home by Eld. Arthur Brubaker in our Sunday morning service, May 2, after which there was a public dedication of children.

The Doctrine of Non-Resistance was emphasized in a Peace Meeting on May 2. The speakers were Elds. Eber Dourte, Orrie Miller and Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr. A round table discussion on the subject "Joys and Frowns of C.P.S." was presented by Clair Hoffman, Earl Heisey, and Allon Dourte. Bishop Hostetter spoke on the theme "The More Excellent Way."

In a district prayer meeting, May 5, a personal witness talk which was very interesting and gave each one a more determined desire to witness for His Christ, was given by Clifford Lloyd of the United Zion Church, Akron, Pa. Sr. Anna Henry brought very warm and interesting greetings from Buffalo Mission.

Our Sunday School was glad to hear about our Life Line Gospel Mission when Sr. Evelyn Frysinger gave us a descriptive report of their work, after which a special offering was received for the General Home Mission Fund.

The Prayer Meeting, May 13, was enjoyed by all present when Sr. Edna Lehman gave us the opportunity to ask questions on whatever we were interested to know about the African work.

Mary Wenger

## Superintendents Who Fail

Forge ahead by knocking the other worker.

Substitute emotion for devotion.

Try to lead without knowing what it means to follow.

Fail to try aspiration, inspiration and perspiration for success.

Do not recognize that the largest room in the world is *room for improvement*.

Expect the loaves of success to fall to them for loafing.

Often substitute much speaking for the golden silence of listening.

Wait for all obstacles to be removed before attempting to do the job.

Substitute resolutions for acts—Little is said of the resolutions of the apostles, but much of their acts.

Deprive themselves of much of life's greatest wisdom—a supreme knowledge of the Bible.

Weight themselves down not with the load of their work, but the load of their worries.

Do not delegate authority to others, but run a "one-man" school.

Do not realize that mechanical prayers, as the deacon says, "will need some repairs before reaching heaven."

Understock their market of courtesy—the cheapest commodity in human relationships.

Win arguments at the cost of losing scholars and workers.

Find more time kicking than pulling.

Are abusive rather than firm and gentle.

Expect to make progress with a closed mind.

—Sunday School Digest.

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning." When Solomon was a boy, he learned many wise things from his father, King David.



# Our Heavenly Home

Leah Steckley

## A Meditation

"Jerusalem, my happy home,  
O, how I long for thee!  
When will my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?"

This hymn has been going through my mind of late while lying awake in the night—and while about my work; it is one that was often sung years ago but rarely sung now, I love those good old hymns that never wear out, and although some have dropped out of our hymnal, we can still sing them from memory. Another verse expresses some of the grandeurs of that home,

"Thy walls are all of precious stones,  
Most glorious to behold!  
Thy gates are richly set with pearl,  
Thy streets are paved with gold."

## Mission

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had but when a child inquires, What must I do to be saved? it is God's time.

Statistics show that ninety-eight per cent of those children who attend Sunday School regularly never come into the court of the land. That statement alone shows what can be done through the Sunday School. But that it not all. We want that child saved from sin. Whose responsibility is it? It is the Sunday School teacher's responsibility. In Ezekiel 33:6 we read where woe is pronounced on the watchman if he failed to warn the people of coming danger. God's word further states that if he fails to warn, their blood will God require at the hand of the watchman. Perhaps the blood of some Sunday School scholar may be required at the hand of some Sunday School teacher if he or she fails to warn the children and youth of what eternity will hold for them unless they repent of their sins.

God grant that all teachers will have hearts aflame, with a burning desire to see the pupils saved. May we each as Sunday School workers rededicate ourselves to the responsibility to pray that as the seed of the word of God is sown it may find some good ground among the scholars and spring forth into life Eternal. There is no scarcity of the seed of the word of God. Let us broadcast it.

Look ye on the Field. The field is the world. Go Ye. Bring them in. Teach them about Jesus and His Power.—*New Carlisle, Ohio.*

Think of it, gold to walk on! We also read that the city is pure gold. Many are seeking after gold in this life but "I would not want to miss it—walking up those streets of gold."

Some of the glory of that home is expressed in the following verse,

"If Heaven be this, O glorious Lord,  
Why should I stay from thence?  
What folly it is, that I should dread  
To die and go from hence."

Who would not want to go there: and when we get there the next verse will become a reality.

"When we've been there ten thousand  
years  
Bright-shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun."

"Oh that will be Glory for me, Glory  
for me, Glory for me,  
When by His grace I shall look on His  
face, that will be Glory, be Glory  
for me,"

—*Gormley, Ontario*

## Crumbling Foundations

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are being flaunted, and the human family is groping in most pitiable despair seeking for something or someone that can satisfy the agelong instinctive cry of the human heart that echoes from the garden of Eden, "What can wash away my sin?" These subtle faith breaking influences have invaded our educational systems. This rationalizing of miracles recorded in the Bible has monopolized many of our seminaries, until students cease to be challenged by anything beyond themselves. The church life of America is more absorbed in a glamorous and frothy social programme than she is in the old-fashioned preaching of the Gospel of the grace of God. Naturally, fires have flickered out on our altars and penitential tears have been replaced by breath taking foolish laughter occasioned by the frivolous entertainment that is too often a component part of church life today. The old-fashioned mourners' bench was asked to leave so that we might not have so much emotion in our religion, and it has been substituted by an insipid method of acquainting people about their God, but naturally few are interested. Oh! may it please the Eternal God to cause us deeply to dig our foundations for the religious life of the twentieth century and never stop digging until we are through the shifting sands of our modern superficiality and our irreligious forms of worship and get back to

where we must be born again as Jesus told Nicodemus of old. Getting back to where men will repent of their sins with a godly sorrow and with a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will make them new creatures; old things will pass away and all things become new. People will give evidence of resurrection fruitage by living lives that show they have passed from death unto life. My fellow travellers to the bar of God, hear me as I lovingly intreat you. Perhaps you are discouraged; you have been frustrated in life. You have become cynical in your thinking. You are disappointed in the religious atmosphere of our day. It is my supreme joy to tell you that there is one foundation that will never crumble. That is Jesus Christ. For we are told that "we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." Turn away from every thing earthly. Put your trust in the living Word. Trust Him to save you at this hour and He will establish your feet upon a solid foundation like He did Peter of old of which foundation He said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." May I comfort your heart in this vacillating and fidgety generation with the promise that there is staunch footing on the rock of ages. May we remember that the church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus  
Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the  
word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her to  
be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and  
for her life He died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all  
the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one  
faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one  
holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every  
grace endured.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her  
war,  
She waits the consummation of peace for-  
ever more;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing  
eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be  
the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the  
Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those  
whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy, Lord, give us  
grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly on high  
may dwell with Thee.

—*Duntroon, Ontario*



## News Gleanings

### Washington, Paul Goering on UMT

Washington, April 26. Both the Senate and House Armed Services Committee are trying to work out a compromise bill which will get enough votes from opposing elements of the single package UMT—Selective Service proposal to assure passage of some kind of draft with a modified UMT program.

The air force controversy in the defense department has prolonged the adoption of a bill and weakened the chances for both UMT and Selective Service although a draft still appears probable. Congressmen favor some kind of stand-by draft which won't hurt them politically, and although the military isn't sure of what they want they don't stop short of asking for billions.

The military now suggests that the government restrict civilian production in order to arm ourselves. Despite the short supply and high cost of consumer goods Secretary Forrestal was reported in today's *New York Times* to have told the Senate Armed Services Committee that "you cannot have a big military program unless you cease the making of motor cars, washing machines and refrigerators."—*The Mennonite*.

### Chickens Coming Home

The chickens are now coming home to roost. Dr. Lawrence Kolb, speaking before the Association of Western Hospitals in Los Angeles, declares, "There are in California alone more than 82,000 confirmed drunkards. More people are dying from acute alcoholic poison than from poisoning by all other drugs. During 1946, 95,243 persons were arrested in California for acute intoxication and for driving autos while intoxicated. The number increased in 1947. Jails, insane asylums and like institutions are crowded with victims of alcohol." Here is repeal in the raw!—*Methodist Challenge*.

### Money, Money, Money!

The liquor racket is now the biggest racket in America by odds. Manufacturers make billions. Distributors make billions. Salesmen make billions. Liquor is here because there are billions of profits in it. Then hospitals make millions. Doctors make millions. Keeley Cures and other like organizations make millions. Undertakers make millions. Then the government makes billions in taxes and fines. Take the money out of liquor and within a year it would be banished from every state in the Union.—*Methodist Challenge*.

### While the Harvest Waits

"The Present Need for Church Vocation Workers" was the topic of an address by Dr. John Oliver Nelson of the Federal Council of Churches. The outline was as follows: Today Presbyterians and Episcopalians must get over a third of their ministers each year from other denominations, and Congregationalists over a half. Methodists need many hundreds of ministers to fill vacancies and, while Northern Baptist numbers are adequate, their number of fully-trained men has declined at a rate parallel with the number of Methodists. Mission Boards meanwhile ask for several hundred more trained young people, for guaranteed jobs, than are available. There is one Negro in post-college seminary training for every 65,800 Negro church members.

### Florida Teachers Told There Is No Conflict Between Science and the Bible

Scientific teachings and the Biblical account of the creation of the world are not at variance is the subject of a bulletin issued by the Florida State Department of Education for the guidance of secondary school teachers. Recognizing that there has been much misunderstanding because of the inability of some teachers to reconcile scientific and Biblical teaching, the department in addition to calling attention to the fact that the Hebrew word day, so often the crux of conflict between science and the Biblical story of creation, has no less than fifty-four translations, stated that teachers must remember "that we teach theories." The purpose of science, states the bulletin, is to discover how creation took place; the purpose of the Bible is to remember the Creator. Both purposes can be achieved by the careful teacher.

### In the Tradition of Quakers

The Society of Friends, Quakers, decided in the past weeks to live up to their name and spend their \$20,000 Nobel peace prize money to improve American-Russian relations and lessen the threat of war. They sent their Friends Service Committee into blood-stained Jerusalem to negotiate peace between Jews and Arabs.

### Twenty Years, No Collection, No Membership Rolls

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(RNS)—A "venture of faith" is the way the Rev. Ernest Hunter Wray describes his church, which for 20 years has operated without taking collections, without soliciting pledges and without keeping membership rolls.

The Pilgrim Christian Tabernacle, a non-denominational church, was started by Mr. Wray and a group of loyal followers who shared the conviction that it is possible to "trust in God and in God alone for everything." After a number of prayer meetings, they borrowed money and purchased a building for \$55,000.

"It was our aim to prove by actual demonstration that God hears and answers prayer and that it is possible to carry on the Lord's work in the real New Testament way," Mr. Wray explained. "To this end we did away with every man-made scheme of church organization and machinery."

In 20 years, without solicitation, the debt has been whittled down to \$22,500. Offering plates are never passed at the services, but persons may place donations in a receptacle in the rear of the sanctuary.

The tabernacle supports a missionary in Tibet and has sent 26 young men and women into full-time Christian work. Ten years ago it purchased a building and property for an old people's home, which cares for 14 elderly persons.—*The Protestant Voice*.



An end of the well-equipped kitchen at Memorial Holiness Camp where conference attendants are being so graciously entertained.

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